

Thursday September 11, 2025 E-Bulletin

Bear Calendar

Sept 12	Fri	Bear Wear Friday!
Sept 15	Mon	Kindergarten Full Day Begins
Sept 16	Tues	#1 Cross Country Meet at Ambleside
Sept 17	Wed	Dismissal at 2:00 pm
Sept 18	Thurs	Welcome Back BBQ (5:30 - 7:00 pm)
Sept 19	Fri	Bear Wear Friday!
Future Dates to Note		
September 23	Tues	#2 Cross Country Meet
September 24	Wed	Caught Being the Bear Draw
September 25	Thurs	Student Photos
September 26	Fri	Professional Development Day - no school in session
September 29	Mon	Orange Shirt Day
September 30	Tues	Truth & Reconciliation Day - no school in session
October 8	Wed	Parent Teacher Conference - 12:50 early dismissal
October 9	Thurs	Parent Teacher Conference - 12:50 early dismissal

2025-2026 IDEC School Calendar

Learning at IDEC

Hello Families,

A warm welcome back to all our families, especially those who are new to Caulfeild! Our **E-Bulletin** comes out every Thursday and is your go-to spot for news, updates, and snapshots of all the amazing learning happening at school. I try to include lots of photos and videos so you can see our students in action.

After the opening section, you'll find important reminders for every family. The second page highlights **CPAC news**, as well as community and school district events. Our CPAC works hard to bring everyone together and make our school feel like home. Want to join CPAC, be a room parent, or grab some **Bear Wear**? Check out the CPAC section below or email cpac@wvschools.ca. Meetings and dates are listed right in the E-Bulletin!

This week, students have been settling into their classrooms, meeting teachers, and getting to know their classmates. Teachers will be reaching out, but if you have any questions in the meantime, you can find the full staff contact list on our website [HERE](#).

Important Reminders:

- Don't forget to order food for the September 18 BBQ and Open House on SchoolCashOnline.
- *After School Programs are open for registration!* We have a program for every day of school. See Page 2 for more information.
- Students in grades 3-7 will be invited to a Cross Country meeting on Friday to hear about the program and get their permission forms. The first meet is next Tuesday at Ambleside.

Over the next few weeks, I'll be sharing more about what it really means to Be The Bear, the IDEC approach, CPAC info, our Goals for the Year, school life, sports, IDEC News, and more. Keep an eye on the E-Bulletin — there's lots to look forward to!

-Nathan



Cross Country and Athletic Fees

Our Cross-Country season is beginning soon! Any student in Grades 3-7 that is interested will be invited to a meeting this week to meet the coaches, Ms. Lapinskie, Ms. Hamill and Ms. Prins. At that meeting, students will receive information about the season, and receive a PERMISSION FORM with detailed information, including practice and Meet locations and dates. Meets are held at Ambleside on Tuesday September 16, 23, and Oct 7st. Parents are responsible for arranging transportation to and from the meets. They end promptly at 5:00, though some races will occur earlier, so arriving early is suggested. The order for races is typically; Grade 7, 3, 4, 5, 6. Children do not have to remain at the Meet after their run and can leave before 5:00 if they sign out with a teacher. Remember to wear Bear Wear or a Red T-shirt to the meet!

Practices will be held on Monday and Thursday mornings at 8:00 beginning on Monday, Sept 15th for all students who have returned a signed permission form.

WVECA Athletic Fees - Due to the increasing cost of fees associated with running our Elementary Athletics programs in all West Vancouver schools, the WVECA will be charging \$10 per student per sport for the 2025-2026 school year for all students who sign up. Payments will be made through School Cash Online which has been set up for each school through the District. If your child is not participating in district sports, you will not incur this charge.

Personal Digital Devices in Schools

On January 26th, 2024, the Province announced three significant actions to enhance the safety and well-being of students in relation to digital technology, including the introduction of restrictions on the use of personal digital devices in schools (this would apply to cell phones, laptops, tablets, smartwatches, etc.). These updated policies will continue to be in place for the 25-26 school year.

Most West Vancouver Schools already have technology guidelines in place. We recognize that the unregulated use of personal devices can be a significant distraction from learning. These devices can interrupt class time, interfere with student focus and disrupt the educational environment. However, we also understand that when used thoughtfully and with supervision, digital technology can offer valuable opportunities for our students. These tools can enhance the learning by enabling students to create content, communicate, collaborate and share.

Starting in September we will be refocusing our approach with personal digital device use in both elementary and secondary schools. In compliance with our technology guidelines, personal digital devices will only be used with the direct permission of the teacher and/or administrator, who will provide clear guidelines to ensure their use is intentional and purposeful in supporting student learning. Additionally, considerations will be made to accommodate students' medical and health needs, accessibility, and accommodation requirements.

Elementary Schools: Personal digital device expectations will be in effect throughout the full school day, including before school, after school, and during break times.

In September, we will ask parents and guardians to support these guidelines by minimizing calls and texts to their children during school hours. It is important for students to remain focused and engaged in their learning without the expectation of responding immediately to messages. We also encourage families to start thinking about how they can support these new expectations to ensure a smooth transition for everyone.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation as we work together to create a safe and productive learning environment for our students.

Tennis Court Renewal

Beginning the week of September 8–12, the District of West Vancouver will start renewal work on the tennis and basketball courts located in our Lower Forest. During this project, students will not have access to the Lower Forest or the courts. Fencing will be installed on Friday to secure the area. While this will be a lengthy process, the completed upgrades will provide lasting benefits for Caulfeild IDEC students.

Pick Up and Drop Off: Important Reminders

All students in K-7 will be dismissed at 2:30 pm, except on **Wednesdays when we dismiss at 2:00**. For orderly and quick dismissal, please park using the street parking and walk to the designated pick-up space near the top of the roundabout. With all students dismissed together, driving through the roundabout should only be used by families who absolutely need to remain in the car, with priority for primary students, as we expect lineups to be busy and long. If your child is not ready (outside and waiting), we may need to move you along and out of the line in order to keep traffic moving.

- Please DO NOT stop for pick up and drop off at the north side crosswalk on Caulfeild Drive. This is a no stopping zone because stopping puts students in dangerous situations. There are places to stop preceding and following the crosswalk. Check for signage. WVPD will support periodic enforcement of this area.
- Grade 6/7 Pickup (Drivers): Please use parking spaces along Caulfeild Drive so your child can safely enter your vehicle. Do not stop on Caulfeild Drive unless there is a parking space available. Please reserve at least two parking spaces near the front for students and families with accessibility needs.

Daily Health Checks



Parents are asked to do daily health checks before sending children to school. We ask for your assistance to ensure that your child is healthy and well enough to participate in normal school activities. If your child is unwell, please report their absence through the school email at caulfeild@wvschools.ca. Parents are also reminded that communicable diseases should be reported to your classroom teacher and to the school office. This would include chicken pox, measles, etc. While not a communicable disease, we also ask that students and families report any cases of lice to the office.

When we have a report, we can take some preventative measures within our community and classrooms.

Optional Accident Insurance for Families

West Vancouver Schools reminds families each year that personal injury or accident costs are not covered by the district or its insurance provider. To help protect against expenses from accidental injury, unexpected medical costs, or critical illness, families have the option to purchase voluntary accident insurance plans. A variety of providers offer different levels of coverage, so families are encouraged to review their options carefully and choose a plan that best meets their needs.



School Supplies for September 2025



[KINDERGARTEN](#)

[GRADE 1 & 2](#)

[GRADE 3](#)

[GRADE 4](#)

[GRADE 5](#)

[GRADE 6](#)

[GRADE 7](#)



Call Back for Lates and Absences

Please remember to either **email us** at caulfeild@wvschools.ca or use the call back line (604-981-1205) if your child will be late or absent from school.

Caulfeild PAC

CPAC Announcements



[Caulfeild Welcome Back BBQ](#)

We look forward to hosting Caulfeild's welcome back BBQ every year to bring families and friends together. We are looking for some volunteers to help us make this fun tradition happen.

Would you like to help out, check out our [volunteer sign up here](#).
Thank you!

[Hot Lunch Now open for orders](#)

Did you know, profits from our hot lunch program go towards our school's fundraising. It's true! Your child can enjoy a hot lunch while fundraising for school programs!

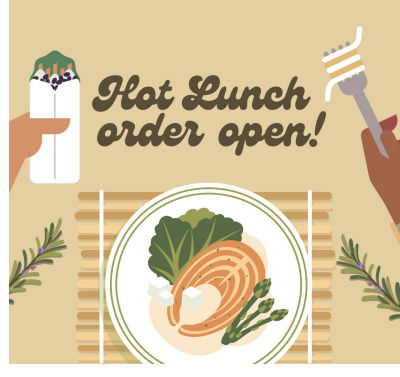
Place an order [here](#)

Note: All orders/changes require 7 days to be processed. (If you order by September 14th your child will start to receive lunch on September 22nd).

New to the school? Set up an account here: [Munch and lunch account set up](#)

2025/2026 Venders:

- Panago Pizza
- WellFed Catering
- Subway
- Foodie Kids
- Donair Dude



If you need help, please email Carrie Johnson at cmalysh@gmail.com

[After School Programs](#)

Welcome back to school to all our Caulfeild bears!

We are pleased to announce that our after-school programs will start this week of September 15th. You can register your child/children via the registration links below. Here's the fall lineup including 2 NEW programs:

[Register here:](#)

This term we are excited to offer:

MONDAY	Chess Club (Grade 1-7) Basketball (Grade 2-4)
TUESDAY	Lights Up Musical Theatre (Kindergarten-7)
WEDNESDAY	Multi-Sport (Grade 1-4) Coding with Python (Grade 4-6)
THURSDAY	Farsi Class (Grade 1-5) Art Mania (K-7)
FRIDAY	West Vancouver Little League Academy (Grade 1-4)



[Bear shop now open](#)

The Bear wear store is now open for orders until September 30, 2025.

[Order here](#)

Orders will be ready to ship by the last week of October.

[Connect with Us](#)

Website: <https://westvancouver.schools.ca/caulfeild-elementary/parents/>

WhatsApp Group: [CPAC News - 2023/2024](#)

Email: capac@wvschools.ca

WV Community Events

Community connections
- ongoing registration

ongoing	West Vancouver Rec Centre Upcoming Events
ongoing	West Vancouver Otters Swimming Registration information
ongoing	West Vancouver Memorial Library Information
ongoing	West Vancouver Soccer Registration information
ongoing	West Vancouver Little League Registration information
ongoing	West Vancouver Field Hockey Registration information

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Click [HERE](#) to access the links



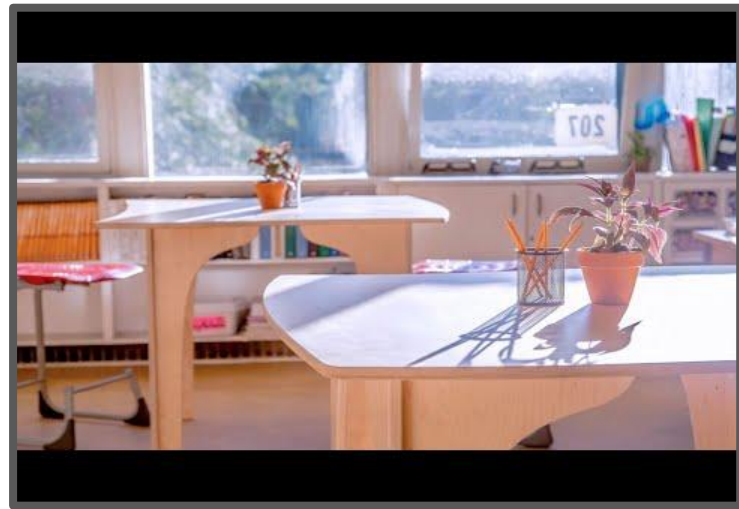
Click [Here](#) for more information

Chris Kennedy Superintendent - WV Schools

Get insight into the thoughts and ideas of Chris Kennedy, Superintendent of the West Vancouver School District. Read his latest blog and follow him on Twitter to learn more from the CEO of WV Schools in: <https://cultureofyes.ca/> or <https://twitter.com/chrkenedy>

We would love to have you connect with us and follow our [Caulfeild School Twitter](#) account! Many of our staff are active Twitter users and our [CPAC](#) also uses Twitter regularly.

Connect With Us



[iDEC Virtual Tour](#)
[Click Here](#)



[CLICK HERE](#)

Take a virtual tour of Caulfeild iDEC in less than two minutes. Visit our learning spaces on this narrated tour and begin to understand more about our vision for learning. Please share this video with potential new families to help them learn more about All Things iDEC.

The iDEC News is a wonderful way for us to bring you learning stories happening at iDEC as told by our very own students. We are very pleased to share the link to our YouTube channel to access our most recent iDEC News, as well as, past editions since 2019.

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Tag us in your school success stories using our hashtag



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